



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION held Wednesday, November 13, 2002, for the purpose of meeting with the management of Springhill Lake.

Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:05 p.m. It was held in the Senior Classroom of the Community Center.

PRESENT WERE: Council members Rodney M. Roberts and Edward V. J. Putens, and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; James Sterling, Planning and Community Development; and Kathleen Gallagher, City Clerk.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: David Zweig, Michael Glass, Joe Raker, Patti Shwayder, Bob Hildebrand, and David Douglas, AIMCO; Maniko Barthelemy, the Gazette; and Al Geiger, Greenbelt News Review.

Mayor Davis noted that the representatives from AIMCO had met prior to this meeting with the staff of the Department of Planning and Community Development.

Ms. Shwayder began by saying the redevelopment of Springhill Lake is a high priority for AIMCO. She reviewed as list of their objectives.

Mr. Hildebrand reviewed the criteria they employ for evaluating a site. He said a market study was begun four or five weeks ago, the results of which are due at the end of this week.

Mr. Douglas reviewed the status of the project, saying that over the six-month period from August 2002 to January 2003, they are undertaking due diligence and analysis, including research on properties in the surrounding areas. He said by February they expect to be ready to meet with Council again.

Mayor Davis suggested a serious effort to solicit community input, and Ms. Shwayder said they intend to hold at least one public meeting.

Mr. Roberts asked if they knew whether they would tear down any buildings or renovate them all. Mr. Douglas said although that remained to be decided, his expectation was that they would primarily be doing major renovation of the residential units.

Mr. Putens asked if they were looking into additional mixed-use commercial occupancy for some of the space. Mr. Hildebrand said they were, as well as the possibility of a Community Center.

Mr. Roberts mentioned the need for ball fields in Springhill Lake, and Mr. Putens suggested thinking about a skateboard park. He also suggested building up to create more open space. Council encouraged the group to think creatively about the possibilities.

In response to a question from the Mayor about "affordable" units, Mr. Hildebrand said they would be scattered throughout the complex.

Mr. McLaughlin encouraged them to consider adding more student rentals.

Mayor Davis congratulated them on the newsletter. Mr. Raker said there will be more content as it develops, and it will be bilingual.

Mr. Putens said he was very impressed with their high level of commitment to investing in the community. Mayor Davis thanked them for coming and said Council would await the next meeting in February.

Other Business

It was clarified that all Council except Mr. White are expected to attend the PGCMA dinner.

Mayor Davis said the Governor's committee she was appointed to has been put on hold with the change in administration. She reported that she had been nominated to serve as a vice-president of the board of Council of Governments.

Mayor Davis suggested sending letters of congratulations to the new County Executive, County Council and state delegation. Mr. Roberts asked about the outgoing representatives. Everyone agreed, and the letters will be signed by all Council.

The meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk